

# Annual Report

## League of Women Voters Tanana Valley

### April 2022

As the pandemic rose and fell this year, the League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley continued to meet primarily virtually, but we did begin to schedule in-person events again:

- our Tanana Valley Fair Booth where we gave Fairbanksans young and old an opportunity to fill out a ranked choice ballot on which they selected their favorite fun Fair food, and we distributed Get Out the Native Vote materials
- the traveling exhibit Alaska's Suffrage Star sponsored by League and AAUW and creation of a 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment display at the Fairbanks public library
- the local candidate forum for our October local elections, which was both in-person and broadcast by KUAC-FM
- voter registration at a Celebration of Citizenship sponsored by the Literacy Council of Alaska
- a speaker and registration at a Get Out the Vote rally
- an RCV presentation by our regional Division of Elections supervisor at the public library
- several in-person presentations to civic groups on Ranked Choice Voting.

Other activities were conducted via Zoom including:

- a forum on the Third-Party Redistricting Plans with representatives of each group presenting
- five legislative chats with members of our Interior delegation
- an air quality program called Just Breathe that addressed the dangers of and remediation efforts for our poor wintertime air quality
- our two program planning meetings including a presentation on the history of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and what it means to be a second-class borough
- a training session for members who want to serve as League RCV presenters as part of our RCV voter education campaign
- our board meetings and membership meetings

Redistricting, ranked choice voting, and federal and state proposed voting legislation were the focus of this year's advocacy issues and voter education, but we also supported the local NAACP's recommendations for public safety reform to the City of Fairbanks and Kids Voting's effort to change a local ordinance to allow high school students to serve as poll workers at local elections as they can in statewide and federal elections.

We continued our collaborations with other organizations including the NAACP, Fairbanks Daily-News Miner, KUAC-FM, Get Out the Native Vote, the Literacy Council of Alaska, Fairbanks Education Association, AAUW, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Libraries, Kids Voting, and UAF. We were awarded a grant through the LWVAK Ed Fund by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company to support our ranked choice voting voter education campaign with which we bought a laptop and software, a projector, and supplies for our community presentations.

Our membership continues to grow, and we now have 107 members, an increase of 7 since we reported our roster to LWVUS. This year we added new members but also had a strong retention of continuing members. A complete list of our activities this year will be available on our website.

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